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☒ Continuation Patent Application - 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1).
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☐ Continuation-in-part Patent Application (C-I-P) - 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(2).
☐ Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) ☐ Continuation; ☐ Divisional - 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 is the patent application entitled:

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☒ The inventor(s) of the subject patent application are as follows: Robert S. Biscup

☒ The application is assigned to: Spineco, Inc., a corporation of Ohio

☐ This application is not to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). It is certified that the invention disclosed in the application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☒ This patent application claims the benefit of prior application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 119/120:

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☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --- This patent application is a _____ continuation, _____ division, _____ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. _____ filed on _____, and incorporated herein by reference. ---.

☐ Enter the Amendment filed on _____ in the prior application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

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☒ 49 Pages of the specification, abstract and claims.

☒ 4 Sheets of drawings.

☒ Declaration or Oath.

☐ A certified copy of application(s): _____
from which priority is claimed.

☒ A preliminary amendment.

☐ New drawings.

☒ Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98).

☒ Form PTO-1449.

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